

3. The Examiner states that elected VEGF nucleotide sequence in a vector was indicated as being readable on claims 18 and 20, respectively drawn to a functional coding region of a VEGF gene and an antisense portion of a VEGF gene.

In response, it is submitted that the VEGF nucleotide sequence does not read on claim 20. Thus, claims readable on the VEGF nucleotide sequence are 1-18, 21-27 and 42-60.

4. The Examiner states that the elected human synapsin silencer element was indicated as being readable on claim 7, but not on claim 56, drawn to the same limitations as claim 7.

In response, Applicants state that the human synapsin silencer element is additionally readable on claim 56. Thus, claims readable on this element are 1-9, 11-27, 42-55 and 56-60.

Finally, the Examiner has requested a listing of the claims readable on the combination of elected species. Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21-27, 42-53, 56-68 and 60 are readable on the combination of elected species.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the present application. Early allowance and action for issuance are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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